

The weekly Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study meeting is held Thursdays at the Ecology Headquarters building in Lacey and via teleconference. Along with Ecology staff, attendees include military personnel from the [Emergency Management Division](#) (EMD), and staff from Washington [Utility Transportation Commission](#) (UTC). The following is a summary of the **June 26, 2014** discussion:

#### **Emergency Management Department Update**

Received 70 percent return rate on surveys, continue to work this process. Scott Ferguson presented the “Study” at Seattle Disaster Management Committee at the Seattle EOC June 19 and met with Seattle Fire on their response plans. Staff continue to reach out to various tribes, five have responded.

#### **Washington Utility & Transportation Commission Update**

The UTC is identifying risk factors on public crossings; drafting gap analysis and drawing preliminary recommendations. Anecdotally they report 82 percent new tank cars are in operation. UTC will meet with BNSF Monday, June 30.

#### **Project Status and Review**

The team welcomed Dagmar Schmidt Etkin, principal consultant for Environmental Research Consulting (ERC), the company contracted to develop the report. ERC hit the ground running, action items this week include:

- Setting up conference calls for subgroups (marine, rail, response)
- Keeping contact/stakeholder lists up to date. Include other government agencies.
- Look at original scope of work for potential list.

Already, ERC met with Ecology’s Tom Laurie/Tribal Liaison. They learned:

- Starting process to include tribal reps. Tom is helping; Dagmar will meet with Tom in July. Would like to include tribal reps into August expert meeting. Tom prepping a list of good contacts.
- July info gathering, August get experts together and work out draft recommendations.
- September workshops to include other stakeholders.

The Marine Specialist interviews occur Friday, June 27.

Public interest remains high. Working with Lisa Copeland on communication strategy including a chat room or Twitter Town Hall for one-on-one discussions about the study.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- July and August Puget Sound, Grays Harbor, and Lower Columbia River Harbor Safety Committee meetings
- August 18-20 – Security Summit West, Tacoma